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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM SCHEDULE CHANGES; REQUEST FOR
CONSULTATIONS

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1. PRESCREENING PROCEDURES FOR ADDITIONAL PAN AM FLIGHTS
TO BEGIN JUNE 26, PER PARA 7 REF. (A), HAVE NOW BEEN
COMPLETED. IN ADDITION PAN AM HAS NOTIFIED US THEY WISH
ADD TWICE-WEEKLY ROUND-TRIP ALL-CARGO MIAMI-CARACAS
NONSTOP, EFFECTIVE AUG. 1. USG HAS PRESCREENED THIS
LATTER ADDITION AND FINDS IT ALSO CONSISTENT WITH
DECEMBER 1971 MEMO OF CONSULTATION.

2. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTED OBTAIN COPIES NEW
SCHEDULES FROM LOCAL PAN AM REP AND TRANSMIT THEM TO GOV
BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE PHRASED ALONG STANDARD LINES.

3. FYI. JUSTIFICATION FOR PASSENGER FLIGHT CHANGES
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SUBSTANTIALLY AS GIVEN IN REF. (A). WITH REGARD CARGO

FLIGHT INCREASES, PAN AM FIGURES SHOW THAT IN 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 1974, SOUTHBOUND CARGO CONSIGNMENTS AVERAGED 93 PERCENT OF TOTAL WEIGHT CAPACITY AVAILABLE FOR FREIGHT, AND NEVER FELL BELOW 88 PERCENT UTILIZATION. PAN AM HAS, FOLLOWING PRACTICE ADOPTED BY TRANSCARGA, BEEN SERVICING THIS ADDITIONAL DEMAND FOR SOME TIME WITH "EXTRA SECTIONS" ON INCREASINGLY REGULAR

BASIS, NOW WISHES NORMALIZE THIS ADDITIONAL CARGO CAPACITY AS PART OF SCHEDULED SERVICE. END FYI.

4. REGARDING REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS PRESENTED BY TIRADO, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOV THAT USG IS PREPARED MEET IF GOV WISHES. DUE TO HEAVY NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE, ONLY TIME OPEN BEFORE END OF JUNE IS WEEK OF MAY 28 AND MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO SAY THAT US PREPARED TO REVIEW IN CONSULTATIONS THE APRIL 22 SCHEDULE (AS WELL AS JUST FILED SCHEDULES) IN CONTEXT OF PARA 3 (G) OF MEMORANDUM, EVEN THOUGH IN TECHNICAL SENSE TIME FOR CONSULTING ON APRIL 22 SCHEDULE UNDER 3 (G) HAS PASSED.

5. FYI. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS PROTECT PRESENT US AIRLINE SCHEDULES BY SUGGESTING PROVISIONS OF PARA 3 (H) OF MEMO OF CONSULTATIONS. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT 3 (G) SHOULD APPLY SINCE CONSULTATIONS UNDER 3 (H) COULD GIVE GOV VEHICLE TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION IF IT IS DISSATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF TALKS. END FYI.

6. ADVISE. RUSH

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